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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Technology Transfer Assessment Center/DI
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FROM: [redacted] Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: High Technology Trade Enhancement Act of 1987, S. 652

1. Attached for your review and comment is the above-captioned bill. It aims to decontrol and de-license items when such will not endanger national security. It also aims to eliminate the Department of Defense's de facto veto authority over the export control system and licensing review process.

2. Sections 4 and 5 of the bill amend the Export Administration Act of 1979 to eliminate the need for authority or permission to export or reexport certain high technology goods or technology, except when the Secretary of Commerce requires a license by regulation. A similar provision is set forth in Section 6 for the export of low technology items. Section 12 gives the Secretary of Defense the authority to review proposed exports and to recommend to the President that exports be disapproved because they would enhance the military potential of another country to the detriment of our national security. The President has 10 days to act on this proposal.

3. The provisions of this bill are likely to be included in an omnibus trade bill in the near future. Please refer your comments to me via secure [redacted] at your earliest convenience.

Attachment:
as stated

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